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TAGS: OVIP (BETANCOURT, ROMUL), VE

SUBJ: TRAVEL OF EX-PRESIDENT BETANCOURT

REF: CARACAS 3208

1. BETANCOURT ARRIVES TOMORROW, APR 8, ON PANAM FLT #218 AT JFK. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND BY RAUL ARISTEGUIETA. BOTH MEN CARRY VENEZUELAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, #110 IN THE CASE OF THE EX-PRESIDENT AND #127 IN ARISTEGUIETA'S. THE BETANCOURTS AND ARISTEGUIETA WILL BE STAYING AT THE HOTEL BARCLAY ON EAST 48TH STREET IN MANHATTAN FROM APR 8 TO APR 16.

2. THE PARTY PLANS TO TRAVEL TO BOSTON ON OR ABOUT APR 15. FIRM PLANS HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE BUT BETANCOURT WILL INFORM ARA/NC-DEVINE THRU UN AMBASSADOR CONSALVI AS SOON AS HE KNOWS WHERE THEY WILL BE STAYING. THE BETANCOURTS PLAN TO LEAVE THE US FOR MEXICO ON OR ABOUT APR 22 AND WILL INFORM DEVINE IN THE SAME MANNER AS SOON AS THEY HAVE RESERVATIONS AND THEIR POINT OF DEPARTURE IS KNOWN.

3. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, BETANCOURT AND ARISTEGUIETA WILL BE CARRYING HANDGUNS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE PILOT ON DEPARTURE FROM MAIQUETIA AND RETURNED TO THEM AT JFK.

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4. WULD APPRECIATE THE RECEPTION CENTER MEETING AND PROVIDING

ALL APPROPRIATE COURTESIES.

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